

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Students' Union Building

### 1) Meeting Called to Order

4:01PM

#### PRESENT

Tatiana Gilbert	President
Cole Hickson	Vice President External
Janelle Lapointe	Vice President Internal
Gagandeep Singh	Vice President Services
Simranjit Singh	International Students' Representative
Emmanuel Daramola	Graduate Students' Representative
Dale Drozda	LGBTQ Representative
Saprina Chandi	Women's Students' Representative
Brandon Hayashi	Campaigns Committee Representative
Inderpreet Bains	Services Committee Representative
Richard Abankwa	Entertainment Committee Representative
Mwansa Kaunda	Caucus Steering Committee Representative
Mico Miede-Moffat	Caucus Steering Committee Representative

#### REGRETS

Arjun Gill	Services Committee Representative
Aanchal Mogla	Campaigns Committee Representative
James-Dean Aleck	Aboriginal Representative
Inayat Ur Rehman	Visible Minority Students Representative

#### ABSENT

#### STAFF

Alex McLellan	University Governance Coordinator
Dylan Robinson	Equity Coordinator
Leif Douglass	Campaigns Coordinator
Parth Patel	Entertainment Coordinator
Cassandra Ring	Services Coordinator
Natalie Reisle	Communications Coordinator

### 2) Approval of the Agenda

#### 2.1) MOTION *LAPOINTE/SINGH*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3) Approval of the Minutes**

**4) Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

**5) Presentations**

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-CG-230 Marxist Winter School (Kevin Pankewich)

Pankewich presented the request for funds to attend the Marxist Winter School. Pankewich reported that this is the 8<sup>th</sup> annual winter school and that the event is hosted by a group called fight back. Pankewich noted that the socialist club has worked with fight back in the past on a number of initiatives. Pankewich outlined that the winter school would contain a number of activists workshops that will build the skills of socialist club members and bring a benefit to campus. Pankewich urged the board to support the application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-CG-231 2018 Joint Annual Meeting of Regional Strategies Addressing Global Challenges for Wildlife and Habitat Conservation (Valerie Law)

Law presented the request for funding to attend the 2018 Joint Annual Meeting of Regional Strategies Addressing Global Challenges for Wildlife and Habitat Conservation. Law outlined that the event is an annual gathering of wild life experts to discuss contemporary issues in wildlife management. In particular, the delegates are excited about the sessions relating to bee management and the sessions connections to an existing sustainability grant regarding campus been management. Law believed that for this alone this application warranted funding.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-CG-232 WestCAST 2018 (Paul Heron)

Heron presented the request for funding to attend the WestCAST 2018 conference. Heron outlined that he had been approached by his professor to attend the conference in order to bring back to the education program content regarding contemporary classrooms as complex spaces. Heron outlined why this would be beneficial for the masters of education program. Heron presented the financial requirements for him to attend and the logistical details for the conference and detailed for the board why this would be a good investment.

TRUSU Grant Application #2017-GE-092 TRUSU Cricket Indoor Tournament (Chandbir Bhullar)

Bhullar presented the request for funds to host the TRUSU Cricket Indoor Tournament. Bhullar presented to the Board an overview of the tournament including the number of expected participants, the proposed location, and the tournament schedule. Bhullar outlined the success of the past tournaments and thanked the Board for the support and previous funding and encouraged the Board to support this years event.

## TRUSU Grants Application #2017-GE-093 MUGS for HUGS & Cupanion (Joel Mercer)

Mercer presented the request for funding to host the Mugs for Hugs event. Mercer noted that this is annual event that hopes to reduce the impact of non-reusable cup use on campus through a demonstration and the distribution of cups. Mercer outlined that this year the event is a partnership with the sustainability office to help promote the Cupanion program which incentivizes people to use reusable cups through a rewards program. Mercer believes the Board should fund this initiative.

## TRUSU Grants Application #2017-EE-033 Backcountry Sustainability Trip (Jesse Godlington)

Godlington presented the request for funding to host the Backcountry Sustainability Retreat. Godlington outlined that they were seeking funds to provide a facilitated backcountry ski/snowshoe trip for ten students that will teach participants backcountry skills and include programmed sustainability content. Godlington noted that similar activities by the club have proven to be very popular and feedback post event has been very positive. Godlington presented the details of the trip and the proposed cost and requested the funds from the Board.

## TRUSU Grants Application #2017-GL-014 Understanding Urbanization and Nature in Post WWII Eastern Europe (Shawna Rae McLean/Wilson Bell)

McLean and Bell presented the request for funding to host the guest lecture. McLean outlined that they were hoping to bring in UBC Okanagan professor Brigitte Le Nomand to lecture on the topic of urbanization and nature in communist Russia. Bell noted this lecture will fit nicely with the course programming in history this semester and will be beneficial to a number of students whose academic focus has been related to eastern Europe. Mclean concluded by noting that they believe there are a number of students interested in attending the lecture and they are expecting a great turnout and hope to receive the funding.

## 6) **Committee Progress Reports**

### Executive Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the committee has met twice since the last meeting.

Lane reported that the committee discussed preparations for the upcoming AGM including the logistics for the meeting and the state of completion of the Annual Report.

Lane reported that the committee reviewed the criteria and process related to the TRUSU Awards of Excellence and that the awards webpages have launched.

## Campaigns Committee (Leif Douglass)

Douglass reported that the committee met once since the last meeting and that the committee plan continues to progress.

With respect to the committees' objective to educate the broader community about TRU underfunding through community and presentations and a social media campaign Douglass noted that the committee has completed over thirty presentations and has received eighteen letter of supports and that the committee continues to schedule presentations where possible. Douglass also noted that the Fund the Future continues to get great media coverage including the comprehensive story from the Ashcroft Journal and CJFC.

In terms of the committee's objective to communicate and engage members in advancing potential solutions on fees, funding, and financial aid Douglass reported that the committee has been working on its international days outreach to promote jurisdictions that provide tuition fee free education. Douglass noted that the committee will be tabling at the international days showcase and that it will be releasing a series of videos and newsfeed posts and that they are currently finalizing the materials for these activities.

Lastly, with respect to the committee's objective to empower students to share their perspectives with decision makers at the municipal level Douglass reported that the committee continues to work to plan the stakeholders transportation roundtable. Douglass noted that the committee was in the process of developing the discussion questions and sending out the participant invitations and that they would have more to report at future meetings.

## Services Committee (Cassandra Ring)

Ring reported that the committee has met once since the last meeting.

With regards to the committee's objective to improve the usage of the health and dental plan through a digital and campus outreach strategy to educate students Ring-Hall reported that the committee Ring reported that the committee held its third health and dental table and was able to reach approximately one hundred students.

In terms of the objective to increase the usage of the Members Advocate service by educating members about the service Ring-Hall reported that the committee have already reached its goal of reaching 1000 students.

In terms of the of the committees objective to educate students, faculty, and staff about the availability of the food bank on campus Ring reported that the committee has approached the TRU Human Resources department regarding a partnership for a campus food drive.

Lastly, Ring-Hall reported that the committee's objective to improve the usage of the TRUSU Grants program is well underway and that the committee is preparing for its upcoming information sessions.

## Entertainment Committee (Parth Patel)

Patel reported that the committee has met once since the last meeting

Patel committee is working to host the Common Voices Lecture Series and the corresponding goals remain on track. Patel reported that the committee has identified a list of clubs to host a discussion with the speaker before the lecture and has begun corresponding with these clubs.

Lastly, Patel reported that the committee started working on hosting the annual awards night. Patel noted that the committee has requested logistical information from TRU Ancillary Services is currently reviewing the postponed costs and event layout and equipment requirements.

## Equity Committee (Dylan Robinson)

Robinson reported that the committee has met twice since the last meeting.

Robinson reported that the committee has begun promotion of the its Islamophobia film screening on February 01, 2018.

Robinson reported that the committee has received the results of differently abled stigma online outreach. Robinson noted that they received 69 unique visitors which is below the 75 visitor goal the committee had set.

Robinson reported that the committee still has not received a response with regards to the request for the poverty simulation needed for their event. Robinson noted that if the committee hasn't secured the materials in the next week they will need to cancel the event.

Robinson reported that the committee has secured two panelists for the International Women's Day event and that they expect to confirm the remaining panelists in the coming weeks.

Lastly, Robinson reported that the committee has started drafting the take way material and visual elements for the committees international day for the elimination of racism outreach event.

## Student Caucus Steering Committee (Alex McLellan)

McLellan reported that the committee has met twice since the last board meeting.

With respect to the objective to facilitate opportunities for students to participate in decision making at TRU. McLellan reported that the committee continues to support a wide range of students across a large number of committees and to meet the metrics associated with such. McLellan did note that the committee is working to fill some vacancies that have arose.

In terms of the objective to pressure TRU to respond to the Student Budget Consultations McLellan noted that this objective is on track. The committee reported that they have now received responses to all but one of the

recommendations from the previous years budget consultation and that they will be publishing them in the coming days and weeks.

McLellan also noted that the committee is about to begin this years budget consultation. The survey is prepared, prizes have been secured, and materials have been submitted for design. McLellan noted outreach will begin next week and the committee hopes to have four hundred participants.

Lastly, McLellan noted that the committee's objective to seek a full consultation on the food service contract renewal has been completed. McLellan noted that the TRU Food Services Review Advisory Group has been struck and that more details will be reported as they are available.

## 7) Finance Report

## 8) Staff Report

### Club Ratifications – (Parth Patel)

Patel reported that the application submitted for consideration today is eligible for ratification by the board of directors.

### Communications Report – January 22, 2018 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that the overall performance of our communications has been positive during this period.

In terms of social media Reisle reported that changes to the Facebook algorithm have recently been announced and that we are currently studying the changes and attempting to get a sense of the potential impact and to develop strategies to mitigate those impacts.

Reisle noted that the January newsletter went out during the period and contained the TRUSU Awards details and the Student Budget Consultation.

### TRUSU Grants Report – January 19, 2018 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle noted that we continue to progress as planned regarding the growth of the TRUSU Grants program.

Reisle noted that we continue to struggle with general event grants as most clubs are opting to attempt secure educational events although we have seen a slight increase in applications recently.

Reisle reported that there was nothing material to report with regards to the guest lecture grants portion of the program.

Lastly, Reisle noted that we have reached the fifty percent mark in the conference grant budget line item.

## 9) Old Business

### 9.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *ORTEZA/CHANDI*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-EE-034 \$5,000.00 to host the Theatre for Living Play X.

**CARRIED**

## 10) New Business

### 10.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *LAPOINTE/DROZDA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-230 \$3,982.50 to attend the Montreal Marxist Winter School 2018.

**CARRIED**

### 10.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *HAYASHI/KAUNDA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-231 \$2,799.90 to attend the Joint Annual Meeting of Regional Strategies Addressing Global Challenges for Wildlife and Habitat Conservation.

**CARRIED**

### 10.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *HICKSON/SINGH*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-232 \$891.00 to attend WestCAST 2018.

**CARRIED**

### 10.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *DROZDA/LAPOINTE*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-GE-092 \$1,000.00 to host the TRUSU Cricket Indoor Tournament.

**CARRIED**

### 10.5) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *MIEGE-MOFFAT/ORTEZA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-GE-093 \$566.65 to host Mugs for Hugs & Cupanion.

**CARRIED**

### 10.6) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *HICKSON/HAYASHI*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-EE-033 \$5,000.00 to host the Backcountry Sustainability Retreat.

**CARRIED**

- 10.7) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*HICKSON/DROZDA*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-GL-014 \$360.00 to host the Understanding Urbanization and Nature in Post WWII Eastern Europe Guest Lecture.  
**CARRIED**
- 10.8) MOTION – CLUB RATIFICATION  
*HAYASHI/SINGH*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors ratify the TRUSU Photography Club.  
**CARRIED**
- 10.9) TRUSU HONORARIA  
*ORTEZA/ABANKWA*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the honoraria report for the period of December 28, 2017 – January 10, 2018.  
**CARRIED**
- 10.10) MOTION – STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT  
*LAPOINTE/CHANDI*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint Caitlin Orteza, Dale Drozda, Emmanuel Daramola, and Nathan Lane to the 2017/2018 Electoral Committee.  
**CARRIED**
- 10.11) MOTION – ELECTION TIMELINE  
*DROZDA/KAUNDA*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2017/2018 election timeline as presented:
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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Nominations Posted              | February 07, 2018  |
| Nominations Open                | February, 14, 2018 |
| Nominations Close               | February, 27, 2018 |
| Campaign Period Opens           | Mach 05, 2018      |
| Committee Representatives Forum | March 07, 2018     |
| Advocacy Representatives Forum  | March 08, 2018     |
| Executive Committee Forum       | March 09, 2018     |
| Polling Begins                  | March 14, 2018     |
| Polling Ends                    | March 16, 2018     |
- CARRIED**
- 11) **Meeting Time**  
Tuesday, February 06, 2018 – 4:00PM
- 12) **Notices of Motion**
- 13) **In Camera Section (if needed)**



## 14) **Adjournment**

14.1) MOTION  
*GILL/HAYASHI*

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

***CARRIED***